

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child maltreatment is a community problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 children are reported as abused and neglected in North Carolina each year; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable with the help of an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by entire communities and need to be addressed by the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, and risky behavior such as smoking; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child maltreatment prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith-based communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008, as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital City of Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.